## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A signature creation device comprising:
     a signature module arranged to sign data, characterized in that the signature creation device comprises a parser module arranged to check the data against rules, wherein the rules being are stored on the signature creation device.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device of according to claim 1, wherein the signature creation device is a smartcard.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device of according to claim 2, wherein the smart card comprises an integrated circuit provided with high communication speed features.

4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device of according to claim 1, wherein the signature creation device signature further comprises a hashing module and a padding module.

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device according to of claim 1, wherein the data to be signed follows a predefined template.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device according to of claim 5, wherein the data to be signed are in [[an]] XML format.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device according to of claim 5, wherein the data to be signed are in [[an]] HTML format.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The signature creation device according to of claim 5, wherein the data to be signed are in [[an]] RTF format.

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9.  (Currently Amended) A [[M]]method of signing data using a signature creation device, wherein the signature creation device compris[[ing]]es a signature module and a parser module, the method comprising:

an analyzing step, in which the parser module analyzes the data against rules stored within the signature creation device.